

ANNUAL INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT REPORT

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The USAID Water Security for Resilient Economic Growth and Stability (Be Secure) Project has complied with USAID's Disability Policy by ensuring that the project does not discriminate against persons with disabilities (PWDs) in the implementation of project activities. The project prepared a Disability Inclusion Plan, which was submitted to USAID as an annex to the project's monitoring and development plan, on May 1, 2014. Be Secure's Disability Inclusion Plan includes the following activities.

DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTIVITIES

MECHANISMS FOR INCLUSION	ACTIVITY	WHEN	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
Increased accessibility to water, sanitation and disaster risk reduction (DRR) information and knowledge, and participation in planning	Invite PWD groups in focal areas to public consultations, workshops or trainings on water, sanitation and DRR planning and implementation	Throughout the life of the project	Provincial coordinators

This annual report documents implementation of the plan in the project's six focal areas: Basilan, Iloilo, Leyte, Maguindanao, and Misamis Oriental Provinces and Tuguegarao City.

Iloilo

The Be Secure Provincial Coordinator has engaged the Association of Disabled Persons of Iloilo, Inc. (ADPI) in several project activities. ADPI is a member of the Iloilo Provincial Federation of PWD under the Provincial Social Welfare Development Office and it has approximately 18,000 members/PWD individuals in Iloilo City and Province. One of the Board of Directors of ADPI participated in the Be Secure Small-Scale Water Service Providers Conference held in May 2014, and the Provincial Coordinator met with her to explore how the project could help PWD in terms of access to potable water supply and how they could participate more in decision making in the water associations in their respective communities.

Misamis Oriental

In May of 2014, the Be Secure Provincial Coordinator collected the names and contact details of ten non-government organizations representing the needs of PWDs. To date, these groups have not directly been engaged in the Be Secure Project in Misamis Oriental since the interventions for water districts and small water service providers, trainings and other capacity building efforts for local government units



A member of the board of directors of the Association of Disabled Persons of Iloilo, Inc. participating in a Be Secure workshop in May 2014

and partner universities were very specific to the needs of these institutions and were very technical. Other activities, such as the Water Security Forum in Makati, were national in scope and therefore not a useful venue for addressing the needs of PWDs. However, the president of one of the most active PWD groups in Cagayan de Oro City, Handicapped's Anchor is Christ, Inc., Cagayan de Oro Chapter (HACI de Oro), was invited to attend the first meeting of the local cost-benefit analysis (CBA) team. The team was formed following a training on CBA conducted by Be Secure in April. CBA will be used to evaluate the "Oro Central" Project of Cagayan de Oro City, which is a model design for a school building that can be turned into a temporary evacuation center in case of disasters. The president, Mr. Martin Gadrinab, insisted that the building include ramps and the area for disabled persons should be located on the first floor.

Tuguegarao

The Provincial Coordinator has identified the Federation of Persons with Disabilities as the key partner for the project's work and will invite them to the planning sessions that will be organized with Be Secure's subcontractor, Center for Disaster Preparedness. The center will be organizing meetings to develop participatory climate change adaptation/DRR plans and incorporating those plans into the city's development plans. PWD have special needs during and following a disaster.

Maguindanao

The Be Secure Provincial Coordinator met with Mr. Rolando Embarga, PWD focal person according to the city government, who said he appreciated being consulted about the design and development of water and sanitation facilities in the city. The city has around 3,000 PWD or 1.1 percent of the 271,609 population. He said in the past they were consulted by humanitarian organizations on the design of water, sanitation and hygiene facilities during the height of the flooding in the city, but a more sustained and developmental approach is needed to better understand and care for the welfare of the PWD population. He would like Be Secure to be part of his long-term plan of institutionalizing inclusion of PWD concerns and participation in development efforts. His office is prepared to provide inputs and guidance as enshrined in the law (Presidential Decree 7277: Magna Carta for Disabled Persons and Batas Pambansa 344: Accessibility Law) when needed in design, construction and rehabilitation work in the city.

Basilan

The Be Secure Provincial Coordinator met with the President, Vice President and Secretary of a local organization called Persons with Disabilities on July 4, 2014. They discussed the Be Secure Project and how the PWD group can get involved. The President emphasized that they can be of help in the project, such as septage management planning, design and promotion campaign. In Basilan there are about 200 PWDs, most of whom are uneducated. The government has not held any coordination or consultative meetings with PWDs before or after projects were implemented in Isabela City.

Leyte

The Provincial Coordinator talked with Patrio Barca, the focal person for PWDs according to the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, about the Federation of Persons with Disabilities in Leyte and how Be Secure can engage them. The project plans to consult them regarding the design of water system for schools and health facilities. The coordinator will also meeting with Habitat for Humanity to find out more about their housing projects for PWDs and discuss their need for water and sanitation systems.